

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title and before the heading "Background of the Invention,"  
insert:

--Cross-Reference to Related Applications

A This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/137,398, filed on  
August 20, 1998, <sup>now US Patent 6,241,903</sup>

IN THE CLAIMS

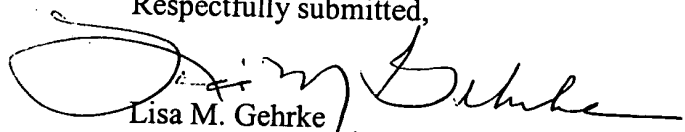
Please cancel claims 1-16 and 23-31 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 23-31 have been canceled. In view of the foregoing amendment, the application is believed to be in *prima facie* condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. Should there be any remaining questions the attending to of which would expedite such action, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

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